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SUBJECT: PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING PROGRAM

A. HQDA (DAPE-MPE) MSG 102033Z AUG 93, SUBJECT: PERMISSIVE
PARACHUTE POLICY

B. HQDA (DAPE-MPE) MSG 221646Z AUG 95, SUBJECT: PERMISSIVE
PARACHUTING PROGRAM

1. THIS MESSAGE SUPERSEDES REFERENCE A. THIS MESSAGE IS A
RETRANSMISSION OF REFERENCE B.

2. PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING POLICY:

A. GENERAL. PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING PROGRAM IS FOR EXPERIENCED ARMY
AIRBORNE QUALIFIED SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO NONAIRBORNE DUTY POSITIONS.
APPROVED PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING STATUS MAY BE AUTHORIZED IAW POLICY
AND PROCEDURES HEREIN FOR SOLDIERS WHO HAVE A NEED TO PERFORM
PARACHUTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CURRENT
DUTIES AND/OR HAVE A DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THEIR PARACHUTING SKILLS IN
PREPARATION FOR FUTURE AIRBORNE ASSIGNMENTS.

B. APPROVING AUTHORITIES.

(1) MACOM COMMANDERS, DIRECTOR, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND CHIEF, ARMY
RESERVE.

(2) HQDA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS AND PLANS (DAMO-SSF)
FOR PERSONNEL IN THE PERSONNEL EXCHANGE PROGRAM (PEP), FOREIGN AREA
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(3) DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (DIA) FOR QUALIFIED ARMY PERSONNEL
ASSIGNED TO ITS OVERSEAS LOCATIONS.

(4) APPROVING AUTHORITIES MAY DELEGATE APPROVAL AUTHORITY TO
SUBORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS THAT EXERCISE GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL
CONVENING AUTHORITY. IF DELEGATED, THE GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL
CONVENING AUTHORITY WILL CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM SOLDIERS UNDER ITS
JURISDICTION WHO ARE NOT SUBJECT TO MACOM COMMAND AUTHORITY. A COPY
OF DELEGATION ACTION WILL BE FORWARDED TO HQDA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

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FOR PERSONNEL (DAPE-MPE).

C. PREREQUISITES.

(1) AIRBORNE REFRESHER TRAINING IS A MANDATORY PREREQUISITE FOR PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING STATUS. THE COMPLETION DATE OF THE AIRBORNE REFRESHER TRAINING COURSE FM 57-220, APPENDIX A) MUST BE WITHIN THE 6 MONTH PERIOD PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING JUMP. (2) SOLDIERS MUST MEET THE MINIMUM AIRBORNE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, I.E., 3 CUMULATIVE YEARS OF PARACHUTING DUTY IN AN AIRBORNE POSITION. ENLISTED MUST POSSESS EITHER "P", "S", OR "V" SQI, OR MOS IN CMF 18; OFFICERS MUST HAVE SKILL IDENTIFIER OF EITHER "61P" OR "5S" OR AOC 18A; WARRANT OFFICERS REQUIRE EITHER SQI "7", OR MOS 180A/921A.

D. RESTRICTIONS. PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING STATUS WILL NOT BE APPROVED FOR:

- (1) PERIODS LONGER THAN 6 MONTHS.
- (2) ACTIVITIES WITH FOREIGN FORCES UNLESS THE U.S. ARMY PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS HAVE A DEFINABLE DIRECTED MISSION ROLE WITH SUCH FOREIGN FORCES.
- (3) PARTICIPATION IN PARACHUTING JUMPS RELATED TO OR MOTIVATED BY PERSONAL, RECREATIONAL OR CEREMONIAL REASONS.
- (4) PERFORMING JUMPMaster, ASSISTANT JUMPMaster, OR SAFETY PERSONNEL DUTIES.
- (5) PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING JUMPS LIKELY TO INCREASE AIRBORNE PROGRAM RESOURCES.

(6) SOLDIERS NOT MEDICALLY QUALIFIED FOR PARACHUTING DUTY (40-501); OR WHO ARE NOT IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION AS INDICATED BY THE MOST RECENT APFT AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT STANDARDS.

E. APPROVAL AUTHORITIES WILL:

- (1) FORWARD A COPY OF EACH APPROVED PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING ACTION TO HQDA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR PERSONNEL (DAPE-MPE).
- (2) FORWARD FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXCEPTION TO THE POLICIES HEREIN TO HQDA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR PERSONNEL (DAPE-MPE) FOR FINAL ACTION.
- (3) DISAPPROVE REQUESTS FOR PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING STATUS THAT ARE NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES HEREIN UNLESS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO POLICY.

(4) ESTABLISH CONTROLS TO MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS ACCOUNT OF PERSONNEL APPROVED FOR PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING STATUS.

3. REQUESTS FOR PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING STATUS ON GENERAL OFFICERS AND PROMOTABLE COLONELS WILL BE FORWARDED FOR ACTION THROUGH THE HQDA, GENERAL OFFICER MANAGEMENT OFFICE (GOMO) FOR ACTION BY THE VICE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY.

4. OTHER INFORMATION.

A. PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING JUMPS CAN BE COUNTED FOR SENIOR AND MASTER PARACHUTING RATINGS.

B. INJURY RECEIVED WHILE PERFORMING PERMISSIVE PARACHUTING ACTIVITIES IS NORMALLY DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN INCURRED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

5. THE CONTENT OF THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL IT IS PUBLISHED IN ARMY REGULATIONS.

6. POC IS MR. WELLS, DAPE-MPE-DR, DSN: 227-2556/2403.

7. EXPIRATION CANNOT BE PREDETERMINED. BT

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